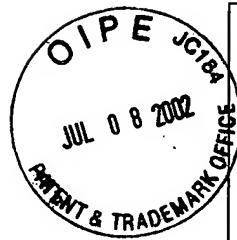


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 3-12 without prejudice. Add claims 13-21 which follows:

Claim 13: The nucleic acid according to claim 1, characterized in that the nucleic acid comprises the base sequence of fig. 1 or a sequence differing therefrom by one or several base pairs.